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SOCKET WARPAGE REDUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD

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## RESPONSE TO SECOND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This responds to the Second Restriction Requirement mailed on October 15, 2004.

## Election

Applicant elected claims 17–30 for prosecution in response to a First Restriction Requirement. Applicant respectfully traverses the current, second, Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the Restriction present Requirement should have been made at the time that the first Restriction Requirement was made.

Furthermore since part of the stated basis for the present Restriction Requirement is that inventions I and II are related as "combination and subcombination." Since a requirement for a restriction on this basis requires that it is necessary to show that "...the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability..." Applicant has carefully considered the claims and does not see how they are being considered as combination and subcombination claims as construed by the present Restriction Requirement. Applicant believes that claim 17 is generic to claims 26–30. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

The present Restriction Requirement requires restriction to one of two inventions, as the claims are divided, between:

- I. Claims 17-25.
- II. Claims 26-30.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse as set forth above, to continue to prosecute the invention of Invention I, claims 17–25.

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Applicant reserves the right to continue to urge the patentability of claims 26–30 in the present application and, if necessary, to later file continuation or divisional applications having claims directed to the non-elected inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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